

Ascend's Avoided Cost Distinguishing Elements

- Ascend has testified a dozen times in avoided cost proceedings
- Ascend understands the history, economics, and FERC position around avoided costs:
 - Avoided cost to serve load inclusive of ancillary service costs (renewable integration costs) vs generic unit calcs. We are the only company that can and has done an avoided cost to serve load.
 - Account of broad range of weather conditions vs deterministic
 - Marginal cost vs average cost
 - Capture renewable integration costs
 - Capture true ELCC of resources on a marginal unit basis
 - Capture true avoided cost and benefits that keep ratepayer neutral
 - Provides full transparency of supply stack and marginal cost calculations